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1. PRIME MINISTER HUSSEIN ONN AND PRESIDENT SUHARTO
CONCLUDED TWO DAYS OF INFORMAL TALKS IN LABUAN,
SABAH, ON MAY 18. ALTHOUGH PRESS ACCOUNTS AND
PUBLIC STATEMENTS EMPHASIZED BOTH LEADER'S
DETERMINATION TO OFFER THE GOOD OFFICES OF THEIR
GOVERNMENTS IN THE SOLUTION OF THE SOUTHERN
PHILIPPINE PROBLEM, THE TALKS ALSO TOUCHED ON A
BROAD RANGE OF OTHER REGIONAL AND BILATERAL ISSUES.
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2. PRESS REPORTING SUGGESTS THE SOUTHERN PHILIPPINE
PROBLEM TOOK PRECEDENCE IN THE DISCUSSION OF
REGIONAL AFFAIRS WITH PRIME MINISTER HUSSEIN ONN
STRESSING IN HIS MAY 18 PRESS CONFERENCE THAT THE
ISSUE MUST BE SETTLED IN THE INTEREST OF REGIONAL
PEACE AND STABILITY. THE PM REMARKED THAT THE

EFFORTS OF MALAYSIA AND INDONESIA TO MEDIATE IN THE CONFLICT WOULD REINFORCE THE FOUR NATION PEACE COMMISSION ESTABLISHED UNDER THE TRIPOLI AGREEMENT OF 1976. HE NOTED THAT HE AND PRESIDENT SUHARTO HAD DISCUSSED POSSIBLE WAYS TO BRING BOTH PARTIES TO THE CONFERENCE TABLE, AND PLEDGED THAT BOTH GOVERNMENTS WOULD CONVEY SPECIFIC PROPOSALS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO BOTH THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT AND THE LEADERS OF THE MORO NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT. THE PRIME MINISTER ALSO SAID THAT DISCUSSIONS OF REGIONAL AFFAIRS HAD INCLUDED BRUNEI, BUT THAT "MALAYSIA HAS NO INTENTION OR DESIGN ON BRUNEI, AND THAT WHATEVER HAPPENS IN BRUNEI IS SOLELY BRUNEI'S AFFAIR WHICH IS UP TO ITS OWN PEOPLE TO DECIDE."

3. ON OTHER REGIONAL ISSUES, BOTH LEADERS EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT THE VIETNAM-CAMBODIAN BORDER CONFLICT AND AGREED IT SHOULD BE RESOLVED PEACEFULLY BY THE PARTIES CONCERNED WITHOUT FOREIGN INTERFERENCE. PRESIDENT SUHARTO BRIEFED THE PRIME MINISTER ON INDONESIA'S PLAN TO RESTORE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA. ACCORDING TO PRESS ACCOUNTS, HE ALSO GAVE HIS VIEWS ON THE VISIT TO JAKARTA OF VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE AND OF THE VICE PRESIDENT'S REAFFIRMATION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF AMERICAN COMMITMENT TO SOUTHEAST ASIA.

4. BILATERAL ISSUES DISCUSSED INCLUDED BORDER SECURITY COOPERATION AND BRIEFINGS BY BOTH LEADERS ON THE POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS WITHIN THEIR COUNTRIES, INCLUDING THE RECENT INDONESIAN ELECTIONS AND MALAYSIAN PLANS FOR A GENERAL ELECTION. ON ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL ISSUES, PRESIDENT SUHARTO PLEDGED TO SEEK THE AGREEMENT OF THE INDONESIAN STATE OIL COMPANY PERTAMINA TO MAKE USE OF THE MALAYSIAN LNG TANKERS UNTIL THE BINTULU LNG PLANT BEGINS PRODUCTION IN 1983 (ACCORDING TO PRIME MINISTER HUSSEIN, SUHARTO PROMISED TO DO "EVERYTHING POSSIBLE" TO HELP MALAYSIA OUT OF THE POTENTIALLY COSTLY MORASS CREATED BY EARLY DELIVERY OF THE VESSELS). THE DEGREE TO WHICH THIS MIGHT BE POSSIBLE IS UNCLEAR, HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF PREVAILING TECHNICAL AND MARKET CONDITIONS. MALAYSIA ON ITS PART AGREED TO USE THE INDONESIAN PALAPA SATELLITE AFTER MALAYSIA'S CURRENT COMMITMENTS WITH OTHER COUNTRIES HAVE EXPIRED.

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